

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled Apparatus and Method for Parallel Transmission of Data Over a Telephone Line, the specification of which is attached hereto, and for which U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/021,345 was filed on July 8, 1996.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certification having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)

None

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 1.20 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Section 1.12, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

Prior United States Application(s)

None

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are made upon punishment by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or my patent thereon.

And I hereby appoint Jean-Marc Zimmerman (Reg. No. 36,978)

whose address is 226 St. Paul Street, Westfield, NJ 07090 and whose telephone number is (908) 651-8000 my attorney with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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Joint inventor's Signature:

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VERIFIED STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS  
(37 CFR 1.9(d) & 1.17(b)) - INDEPENDENT INVENTOR

Docket Number (Optional)

Applicant or Inventor: William K. Riceman and Stephen A. Hollock

Serial or Patent No.:

Filed or Issued:

Title: Apparatus and Method for Parallel Transmission  
of Data over Telephone Lines

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) by virtue of paying reduced fees in the Patent and Trademark Office as defined in:

the specification filed herewith with this application above.  
 the application identified above.  
 the parent identified above.

I have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed and am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license, my rights in the invention to any person who would not qualify as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c), if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a non-profit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

Each person, concern or organization to which I have assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed, or to whom or on whom I am under contract or law to assign, grant, convey, or license my rights in the invention is listed below:

No such person, concern, or organization exists.  
 Each such person, concern or organization is listed below.

Separate verified statements are required from each named person, concern or organization to verify rights to the invention and rights to their name as well as the name of the inventor. (37 CFR 1.21)

I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notifications of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the entire of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the time an entity status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.21(b))

I hereby declare that I understand a trade secret of my invention and judge it to be such that no representation made in this statement and belief are believed to be true; and further that the information was made with the knowledge that it will be used only and the like to trade are available by due or legal means, or both, under section 1001 of Title 15 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statement may jeopardize the validity of the application, my patent including therein, or my patent if a patent is issued thereon.

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VERIFIED STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS  
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I hereby declare that all statements made herein are made on my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on behalf and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that 37 CFR 1.11(f) false statements and the like no rights are producible by the or his/her agent, or both, under section 111(f) of Title 15 of the United States Code, and that such false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, my patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

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